Saint Edmund Campion Parish

The merged parishes of Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Peace and Saint Christopher

Our Lady of Peace Campus
370 May Road
East Hartford, CT 06118
Mass Schedule:
Sunday: 9:00 am
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 am

Saint Christopher Campus
538 Brewer Street
East Hartford, CT 06118
Mass Schedule:
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am & 10:30 am
Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am

CONFESSIONS
(Saint Christopher Church)
Saturdays: 3:00 pm

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONS
(Saint Christopher Church)
6:00 pm
Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration and Benediction
Perpetual Novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
Scriptural Rosary

THURSDAY PRAYER GROUP
(Our Lady of Peace Church Hall)
6:30 pm
Prayer, Song, Scripture, Friendship

FUNERALS
Once arrangements are made with a funeral home, we will help you plan the Mass of Christian Burial.

BAPTISM
By appointment; please call the parish office to schedule.

MARRIAGE
Please contact the parish office at least six months in advance of your intended wedding date.

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Mass for the Week

(OLOP) = Mass celebrated at Our Lady of Peace campus
(SC) = Mass celebrated at Saint Christopher campus

Saturday, May 18 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
† Adrienne Brumbaum
In Remembrance of Her Birthday
(Sister, Omerine & Elmer Gendreau)

Sunday, May 19 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
† Joseph Leonardo (Mom & Daughters)

Sunday, May 19 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Priscilla Ward & Terry Ann Carroll
(Susan Carroll-Baxter & Gary Baxter)

Sunday, May 19 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
† Moises Roque, Jr. ~ 4th Anniversary
(Mom, David, Jennifer, Willow & Evelyn)

Monday, May 20 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Daniel Cabral, Sr. (Sister, Maria Leonardo)

Tuesday, May 21 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† John C. McKeone, Sr. ~ 5th Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

Wednesday, May 22 – 8:00 a.m. (SC)
† Jose Figueiredo (Wife Maria)
† Manuel & Maria Machado (Daughter Maria)

Thursday, May 23 – 8:00 a.m.(SC)
† Dinis Leonardo (Wife & Family)

Friday, May 24 – 9:00 a.m.(OLOP)
Father Patrick Buckley & Family

Saturday, May 25 – 9:00 a.m.(OLOP)
† Deceased Members of the
Hyson and Accurso Families (The Accurso Family)

Saturday, May 25 – 4:00 p.m. (SC)
† Edward Kelly ~ 29th Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, May 26 – 7:30 a.m. (SC)
† Ricardo Rosas Garcia ~ 1st Anniversary
(May 8, 2018) (The Rosas-Granda Family)

Sunday, May 26 – 9:00 a.m. (OLOP)
† Donald Roberge (Betsy Fox)

Sunday, May 26 – 10:30 a.m. (SC)
† Leona Pelletier ~ 1st Anniversary (Family)

PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (May 12): $ 6,448+

Monthly Parish School Collection: $ 1,943**

*Includes $640 received through our Online Giving program and $250 from mail-in offerings.

**Includes $115 received through our Online Giving program and $120 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish community!

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN
This weekend we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain in our Archdiocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message by supporting this collection. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

SAVE THE DATE!
Friday ~ October 4, 2019
7:00 PM
Saint Christopher Church
Recording artist, talented composer, singer and musician
www.tonymelendez.com

SANCTUARY LAMP
The lamps beside our church’s tabernacles remind us of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

† The light at the Our Lady of Peace Church burns this week

In Loving Memory of
John C. McKeone, Sr. ~ 5th Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

† The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week

For a Special Intention

Please call the parish office to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication. Suggested offering is $15.
SUMMER KICKOFF - INTERNATIONAL DAY  
**Sunday, June 2 ~ 1:00 p.m.**  
**Saint Christopher Church Hall**  
A social event for all members of the Saint Edmund Campion Parish will be held on Sunday, June 2 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Saint Christopher church hall. The theme for our social will be “Summer Kickoff – International Day.” Please bring your favorite hot or warm potluck dish to share. If you wish, it could be an ethnic dish from your own heritage. We are also requesting contributions of cold cuts, salads, drinks and desserts. Come and enjoy a great afternoon of food and conversation with fellow parishioners. If you are planning to participate, please contact Leo Forte at fortela1026@gmail.com or at 860-568-7383 with the item(s) you plan to share. We hope to see you there!

SAVERS COLLECTION DAY  
Saint Christopher School will hold a Savers Collection of gently used clothing and household goods this Sunday, May 19 from 9-12. Thank you for your support of our parish school!

PRAYER/SHARING GROUP  
Our Prayer/Sharing Group will meet again this Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Our Lady of Peace church hall. All members of Saint Edmund Campion Parish and friends are invited to attend. Please join us for an evening of Prayer, Song, Scripture Sharing and Friendship. Refreshments follow each meeting and all are welcome to stay. For more information, please call Phyl Tyrseck 860-568-3855, Barbara Veci 860-568-2701, Pat Roberge 860-568-5777, Barbara Hanson 860-965-9162 or Leo Forte 860-568-7383.

LIFE AFTER CONFIRMATION  
The class for those who have been confirmed who are high school and college aged meets again this Sunday evening, May 19. We meet from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. on the second floor of our Parish Center, 580 Brewer Street (use the Saint Christopher School pre-school entrance) This informal course is generally held every other week – come when you can and bring a friend! Call or text Cathy and Brian Hartley at 860-796-0165 for more info or visit http://stchris-eh.org/LifeAfterConfirmation.pdf.

SAINT EDMUND CAMPION SOCIAL CLUB  
**Monday ~ May 20 ~ 1:00 p.m.**  
**Saint Christopher Church Hall**  
Join us for some exciting games of Concentration (postponed from a previous meeting). Have lots of fun competing with your fellow members to solve the puzzles. We understand that there are some “pros” among us. Hope you’re lucky enough to have them at your table! For more information about the Social Club, please contact Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229.

ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL  
Through the generosity of our parish community, $31,577 has been pledged to this year’s effort; this is 44.4% of our financial target of $71,000. If you have not yet supported this year’s Appeal, we encourage you to consider a gift that is appropriate for you; let’s work together to exceed our parish goal. Every gift makes a difference and has an incredible impact. We appreciate your prayerful consideration. All funds contributed to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at https://archdioceseofhartford.org/aaa-2019-last-years-appeal -impact/. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

PARISH COUNCIL CHRONICLE  
We are looking for volunteers to help clean out the Our Lady Of Peace Rectory. More information on day and time to come. If you are interested and willing to help with this project, please call Lori Brunette at 860-904-2116.

BABY BOTTLES FOR BIRTHRIGHT  
Thank you to those who took a baby bottle home with you last weekend. Please fill the bottle with your spare change (cash or a check) and return it by Sunday, June 2. This is a great opportunity for you to have hands-on involvement in a project that helps save the lives of unborn children and makes a difference in their mothers’ lives, too.

SUMMER VACATION BIBLE CAMP  
This year’s Summer Vacation Bible Camp program will be held at our Saint Christopher campus, July 8 - 12, from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon each day. Registration information will be published in our parish bulletin in the coming weeks.
**PIN PLANS A TAILGATE TAG SALE!**

Spring cleaning time is here! The Parishioner in Need Committee (PIN) is planning to hold its first Tailgate Tag Sale on June 22 from 9am-2pm in the Saint Christopher Church parking lot. In the event of rain, this event will be held in our school’s gym. Please consider serving on the planning committee and/or renting a spot for $20 ($25 with table). Rental proceeds will help PIN to continue to assist parishioners in need. So everybody… this is a great opportunity to simplify your life by selling stuff while serving others. If you’re interested in serving on the planning committee and/or in renting a spot, please call Toni Mintel at 860-569-7593.

**FIRST COMMUNION**

We congratulate the following children of our parish who received the Body of Christ for the first time at a special Mass celebrated on Saturday, May 4.

- Orlan Adams-Mejia
- Hunter Beaumier
- Alexander Bonfiglio
- Alessandro Franko
- Maximus Hoynes
- Frankie LaDuca
- Leo Lamore
- Emma Maragnano
- Alexander Matias
- Sienna McKennie

- Kyle Milan
- Eli Monroe
- Ainsley Pijar
- Jaeli Pryor
- Benjamin Rivera
- Riley Rosa
- Janice San Martin
- Juliana Tedesco
- Aleksander Velez

We are grateful to those who helped to prepare these children for this sacrament and to their parents for raising them in the Catholic faith.

**ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE**

We will meet again this Wednesday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel at the Saint Christopher campus. (The chapel is located inside the school building – a.k.a. the Parish Center, 580 Brewer St.). We will continue our journey in the Book of Job and we will begin with chapter 38. In these last few chapters of Job we will be hearing directly from God. We should be completing Job soon and will be choosing our next book as a group shortly. Please join us! All are welcome! Our group typically meets every other Wednesday from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Come when you can and bring your Bible! Questions? Contact Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001 or at imgoose@comcast.net or Steve Cadwallader at 860-568-5477.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Are you looking to replace your old lawnmower? The Msgr. Thomas Drennan #1571 Assembly 4th Degree is holding a raffle for a $500 lawnmower gift certificate and the winning ticket will be drawn at their meeting on Thursday, June 6 around 7:00 PM. Tickets are $10.00 each and only 250 tickets will be sold. Contact Scott Gay at 860-569-0617 or Bob Falkevitz at 860-568-5452 for tickets.

The council’s monthly Pot-Luck Supper will be held Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00 PM in the Saint Christopher church hall and the main entrée will be roasted turkey. Please contact Bob Falkevitz at 860-568-5452 to give your head-count and the side dish(es) you wish to bring to the dinner.

The Knights will be passing out information at all Masses this weekend as a way for men and their families to learn more about what the organization is all about without any obligation to join. (kofc.org)

**HOMEFRONT THANK YOU!**

My heartfelt gratitude and thankfulness for the people who assisted with this year’s HomeFront project! So much was done to help this year’s HomeFront family. Our House Captain Steve Roczynski brings so much enthusiasm and empathy to our leadership team. Our Assistant House Captain again this year was Deb Thomson who just has endless energy and compassion! The following people were members of our 2019 crew: Joseph Amirault, Mary and John Lawson, James Colla, Roger Dionne, Kathy, Ray, Robin and Andrew Simeone, Claudette and Larry Flanigan, Barbara Ruocchio, Ernie Mintel, Steve and Nancy Cadwallader, Andy Sargent, Walter Murdoch, Rene Letourneau and Raul Martinez. A big shout out to Peter Marra for the landscaping stones and grass seed he contributed! Thank you to Joanne and Phil Hadyka for providing lunch for our crew again this year! We love your sandwiches! Thank you to Kristie and Andy Sargent for donating our breakfast snack to get our crew going early on a Saturday morning! Thank you to Fr. John and Fr. Joseph for supporting this effort year after year! Thank you to Bonnie Szalay for helping to promote HomeFront! Thank you to everyone who contributed financially! Last, but not least, thank you to everyone who prayed for the success of our HomeFront endeavor.

Peace and blessings, Deacon Phil
**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

When Jesus gave this commandment to love, it wasn’t at a random time in his ministry: the timing of this statement by Jesus was so important. Because Jesus gave this teaching to his disciples the night before he was crucified; it was his final teaching to them before he died, so he wasn’t going to waste time telling them things that weren’t important. Instead, he goes to the heart of the Christian faith and is saying to them, “Before I die, this is what you really need to know: love one another…” It’s almost as if the three years of his ministry had been building up to this moment and he was saying to them, “In conclusion, this is what you need to remember…”

But there’s something a bit puzzling about this commandment because Jesus starts off by saying: “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another…” Why did he say that? There’s nothing new about love. Love has been around since the beginning of time. And love wasn’t even new as a commandment: in the Old Testament, God had commanded people to love one another. In Deuteronomy 6:5, the command had been given to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and strength…” So why did Jesus call this a new commandment? The answer is in the rest of the sentence: “I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you …” That’s the new angle on love – that we are to love as Jesus has loved us.

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**What is Lectio Divina?**

While reading sacred scripture, read the words with a love and sense of discovery until something seems to strike home. Sit with the passage as one would with a good friend—not just thinking or analyzing, but instead remaining in a quiet, listening spirit, so the word can nurture and challenge you.

**Call to Prayer:** “Let us take a moment in the midst of all our activity to prepare ourselves for prayer.”

**The Word of God:** Choose one of next Sunday’s readings. One person reads the scripture aloud as others are attentive to a word, phrase, or theme that is meaningful to them. Allow for a minute of silent reflection. Have another person read the same scripture a second time.

**Faith Sharing:** Begin with an open-ended question such as “What strikes you from this reading?” and/or you can use the “Reflection Question” found below. Allow time for reflection & sharing.

**Closing Prayer:** At the end of the faith sharing, invite participants to pray aloud for any particular petitions or praises they may have. Feel free to close with: The Lord’s Prayer or spontaneous prayers or a faith-based song.

**Reflection for Next Sunday, May 26 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

In the Gospel we hear Jesus preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.